

Honor Flight Guardian Check List:

Know your group before boarding:

You are assigned to a numbered group so become familiar with those in your group before departure for easier identification at the Memorial where there will be hundreds of visitors. We want to make sure we all get back on the same bus and get home all together. Certainly you can mingle throughout the day but your first order is to know your group and make sure they know you.

Wheelchair assignments /Safety:

Several Vets in your group will be assigned to a wheelchair. Note the wheelchair number and use that same chair all day. It makes it easier to keep track. Make sure the wheels are always locked and the foot rests are up when your Veteran gets in and out of the chair.

Security:

Before going through security help your Vets untie and remove their shoes and place all items together in the gray boxes. After going through security make sure your Vets have all their items. Remember many of our Vets have visual and hearing problems- speak clearly and loud enough.

On and Off the Bus:

Make sure there is at least one guardian at the top and another at the bottom of the **bus steps**. These are steep and many of our vets have a hard time going up and down. Guarantee them we won't let them get hurt.

Medications:

Offer your Vets water mid-day as a way to remind them to take any scheduled meds.

Photos:

Pictures are wonderful. Take as many as you can of your Vets however beware of two potential hazards. **At the WWII Memorial** there are 2 steps near the center fountain (all gray). Vets have missed a step and fallen in. Please point this out to your walking Vets!

The **Iwo Jima Memorial** has concentric steps around this memorial. As Veterans step back to get the whole statue in range **they fall down the stairs**. Take all photographs of the statue itself and accompanying group photos in front of the statue from the BOTTOM or outer ring stairs. Brief everyone on the bus about these hazards BEFORE anyone gets off. Be extra careful and attentive.

If Senator Dole will be present at the Memorial, please remind your group **NOT** to attempt to shake his hand. Converse with him, take pictures of and with him, but, respect the fragility of his arms and hands. Remind everyone to refrain from this usual greeting. **DO NOT** ask for autographs as this is very difficult for him too. Several veterans have grabbed his arm and pulled him to them for a picture or just to talk. That is excruciating for him.

Thanks again and again for participating in and supporting

Honor Flight Long Island

If you haven't turned in your \$260 Guardian check please
give it to Vee Bennett before boarding
or to Chris Cosich before the end of the night.